

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method for enhancing performance of a high-capacity storage media in a digital imaging device, comprising ~~the steps of~~:
 - a) storing images on the storage media, the images including tags for categorizing the images;
 - b) generating an image category list from the tags in the images and storing the category list on the storage media, the image category list including a default category; ~~and~~
 - c) accessing the image category list in order to display the images, wherein only the images belonging to the default category are displayed, thereby speeding access to, and display of, the images; and
 - d) synchronizing the image category list with the images on the storage media when it has been determined that at least one image was deleted, added, or recategorized, wherein the synchronization includes,
 - i) automatically synchronizing the image category list when the storage media is under control of the digital imaging device, and
 - ii) performing a subsequent synchronization of the image category list after it has been determined that at least one image was deleted, added, or recategorized when the storage media was under control of an external device.

2 (Canceled)

3. (Canceled)

4 (Canceled)

5. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein step b) further includes the step of:

i) generating dynamic categories from the tags.

6. (Original) The method of claim 5 wherein one of the tags indicates a date of image capture, step a) further including the step of:

i) setting thresholds for the date to automatically create the dynamic categories.

7. (Original) The method of claim 6 wherein step a) further includes the step of:

ii) providing a recent category that displays N of latest images captured.

8. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 further including the step of:

d) allowing a user to select a category in the image category list to change which images are being displayed.

9. (Original) The method of claim 8 wherein step d) further includes the step of:

i) allowing the user to change the default category.

10 (Currently amended) A system for enhancing performance of a high-capacity storage media in a digital imaging device, comprising:

means for storing images on the storage media, the images including tags for categorizing the images;

means for generating an image category list from the tags in the images and storing the category list on the storage media, the image category list including a default category; ~~and~~

means for accessing the image category list in order to display the images, wherein only the images belonging to the default category are displayed, thereby speeding access to, and display of, the images; and

means for synchronizing the image category list with the images on the storage media when it has been determined that at least one image was deleted, added, or recategorized, wherein the means for synchronizing further include,

automatically synchronizing the image category list when the storage media is under control of the digital imaging device, and

performing the synchronization of the image category list after it has been determined that at least one image was deleted, added, or recategorized when the storage media was under control of an external device.

11 (Canceled)

12 (Canceled)

13 (Canceled)

14 (Original) The system of claim 10 wherein the means for generating generates dynamic categories from the image categories.

15 (Original) The system of claim 14 wherein one of the tags indicates a date of image capture, the means for generating further including means for setting thresholds for the date to automatically create the dynamic categories.

16 (Original) The system of claim 15 wherein the dynamic categories include a recent category that displays N of latest images captured.

17 (Currently amended) The system of claim 10 further including means for allowing a user to select a category in the image category list to change which images are being displayed.

18 (Original) The system of claim 17 further including means for allowing the user to change the default category.

19 (Currently amended) A computer-readable medium containing program instructions for enhancing performance of a high-capacity storage media in a digital imaging device, the program instructions for:

- a) storing images on the storage media, the images including tags for categorizing the images;
- b) generating an image category list from the tags in the images and storing the image category list on the storage media, the image category list including a default category; and
- c) accessing the image category list in order to display the images, wherein only the images belonging to the default category are displayed, thereby speeding access to, and display of, the images; and

d) synchronizing the image category list with the images on the storage media when it has been determined that at least one image was deleted, added, or recategorized, wherein the synchronization includes,

i) automatically synchronizing the image category list when the storage media is under control of the digital imaging device, and

ii) performing a subsequent synchronization of the image category list after it has been determined that at least one image was deleted, added, or recategorized when the storage media was under control of an external device.

20 (Canceled)

21 (Canceled)

22 (Canceled)

23 (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 19 wherein program instruction b) further includes program instructions for generating dynamic categories from the tags.

24 (Currently amended) The computer-readable medium of claim ~~22~~23 wherein one of the tags indicates a date of image capture, program instruction a) further including program instructions for;

i) setting thresholds for the date to automatically create the dynamic categories.

25 (Currently amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 24 wherein program

instruction a) further includes program instructions for:

- ii) providing a recent category that displays N of latest images captured.

26 (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 19 further including program instructions for:

- d) allowing a user to select a category in the category list to change which images are being displayed.

27 (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 26 wherein step d) further includes program instructions for:

- i) allowing the user to change the default category.

28 (Currently amended) A method for enhancing performance of a high-capacity storage media in a digital imaging device, comprising the steps of:

- a) storing images on the storage media, the images including tags for categorizing the images, wherein one of the tags indicates date and time of image capture;
- b) generating an image category list from the tags in the images, the image category list including a default category;
- c) storing the image category list on the storage media;
- d) when displaying the images, accessing the category list and displaying only the images belonging to the default category;
- e) automatically synchronizing the image category list with images on the storage device-media when images on the storage device-media are deleted, added, or recategorized while the storage device-media was under control of the digital imaging device; and

f) requesting the user to initiate a synchronization of the image category list with the images on the storage media when it has been determined that images on the storage media were deleted, added, or recategorized while the storage media is under control of an external device.